(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) whether Government would like to pay compensation in such cases; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent such delays?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): fa) to
(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Under utilisation of passenger capacity on Indian Airlines flights

1366. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on a number of occasions Indian AirdJines shows the seats as fully booked whereas a number of seats actually remain vacant;

(b) whether any assessment has been made in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many flights the Indian Airlines performed during the 1st and 2nd week of July, 1990 from Delhi to Bombay and how many passengers travelled in this flights and what were the actual capacities of the aircraft; and

(d) how much revenue was lost due to under utilisation of the capacity during in these flights?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A previously fully booked flight of Indian Airlines may show vacant seats on account of the following two reasons:—■

(1) Passengers changing their travel plans at the last minute causing cancellations and no-shows just prior to departure.

(2) Operational limitations such as runway length, high temperature, elevation, etc., prevent the aircraft from carrying a full complement of passengers.

(c) Between 1st and 14th July, 1990, Indian Airlines operated 53 Airbus flights from Delhi to Bombay with an average load per flight of 218 as against the available capacity of 273.

(d) In an airlines business because of the last minute cancellations and 'no-shows', 100% utilisation of capacity cannot be achieved. The seat factor of 80% observed between Delhi and Bombay indicates the need for additional capacity. In view of the above it cannot be said that revenue loss has been incurred by Indian Airlines due to under-utilisation.

Missing file on purchase of A-320 aircraft

1367. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM RAO PATIL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has seen the 'Indian Express' of the 11th May, 1990 (Delhi Edition) and his statement that one file pertaining to Airbus A-320 purchase deal was missing and at the same time the